

Calendar No. 456

95TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4297

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 17 (legislative day, OCTOBER 11), 1977

Read twice and ordered to be placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations to carry out the provisions of such Act for fiscal year 1978.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 111 of the Marine Protection, Research, and
4 Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1420) is amended—

5 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after
6 “September 30, 1976),”; and

7 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977,”
8 the following: “and not to exceed \$4,800,000 for fiscal
9 year 1978,”.

1 SEC. 2. Section 204 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1444) is
2 amended—

3 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after “Sep-
4 tember 30, 1976),”; and

5 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977”
6 the following: “, and not to exceed \$6,500,000 for fiscal
7 year 1978”.

8 SEC. 3. Section 304 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1434) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after “Sep-
11 tember 30, 1976),”;

12 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977”
13 the following: “, and not to exceed \$500,000 for fiscal
14 year 1978”.

15 SEC. 4. (a) The Administrator of the Environmental
16 Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to in this section as
17 the “Administrator”) shall end the dumping of sewage sludge
18 into ocean waters, or into waters described in section 101 (b)
19 of Public Law 92-532, as soon as possible after the date of
20 enactment of this section, but in no case may the Administrator
21 issue any permit, or any renewal thereof (under title I
22 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of
23 1972) which authorizes any such dumping after Decem-
24 ber 31, 1981.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "sewage sludge" means any solid, semisolid, or liquid waste generated by a municipal wastewater treatment plant the ocean dumping of which may unreasonably degrade or endanger human health, welfare, amenities, or the marine environment, ecological systems, or economic potentialities.

Passed the House of Representatives October 14, 1977.

Attest: EDMUND L. HENSHAW, JR.,
Clerk.

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